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SUBJ: BUTHELEZI DESIRE TO MEET US OFFICIALS

REFS: CAPE TOWN 455, STATE 97494, DURBAN 305,

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1. THOUGH HE SEEMED UNDECIDED EARLIER IN RESPONDING TO DURBAN PRESS STIMULATION OF IDEA OF MEETING BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA BLACK LEADERS AND SECRETARY (DURBAN 305), BUTHELEZE NOW APPEARS TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A MEETING WITH SENIOR US OFFICIALS WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO HIM. THE CONSIDERATIONS WE OUTLINED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EARLIER INTEREST IN MEETING THE SECRETARY IN LONDON (CAPE TOWN 455), STILL APPLY.

2. SUBJECT TO DEPT'S CONCURRENCE, WE RECOMMEND THAT CONGEN DURBAN REPLY TO LATEST INQUIRY ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: WASHINGTON IS AWARE OF THE INTEREST OF VARIOUS BLACK LEADERS IN SOUTH AFRICA IN INSURING THAT THEIR VIEWPOINT IS FULLY KNOWN. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR VISITS TO SOUTH AFRICA BY SENIOR OFFICIALS, BUT THE SECRETARY HAS ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR BOWDLER RECEIVE SUCH VIEWS AND REPORT THEM FULLY. BUTHELEZI IS INVITED TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR SUCH A MEETING, SHOULD HE WISH TO DO SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHOULD BUTHELEZI PLAN PRIVATE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE COMING MONTHS, SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF
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AFRICAN AFFAIRS WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH HIM.

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